conservation in the belt forming part of the tiger habitat mentioned above.

Environmental Clearance for Development Projects

656. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number, location and details of development projects pending with Government for environmental clearance, State-wise;

(b) the estimated cost and physical benefits;

(c) whether any radical changes are needed in the Central Legislation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken in this regard; and

(f) by when those projects would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A total of 110 development projects in the sectors of Industry, Mining, River Valley, Thermal Power and Infrastructure are awaiting environmental clearance as on 15th November, 2001. A state-wise list of these projects indicating their location, estimated cost and benefits is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 194, Annexure No. 8]

(c) to (e) As per the provisions of Impact Assessment Notification of January, 1994 and its amendments, environmental clearance is mandatory for 30 categories of development projects. Presently, there is no proposal regarding radical changes in Central Legislation for appraisal of development projects.

(f) Decision on environmental clearance of development projects is usually taken within 90 days of receipt of complete information.

Deaths due to pollution

†657. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.